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The Price Indices for July 2019

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in July 2019 (2016=100) decreased 0.10% from the preceding month. Prices of fruits and eggs fell 10.81% and 5.48% due to the increase in supply. And prices of garments declined 2.77% due to the sales promotion. However, prices of vegetables rose 4.68%. Prices of transportation fees rose 4.66% as well, owing to the increase of airplane ticket prices in summer vacation. Moreover, prices of entertainment expenses rose 1.81% owing to the increase of Package Tours fee, all of which offset the decrease. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) increased 0.09%.

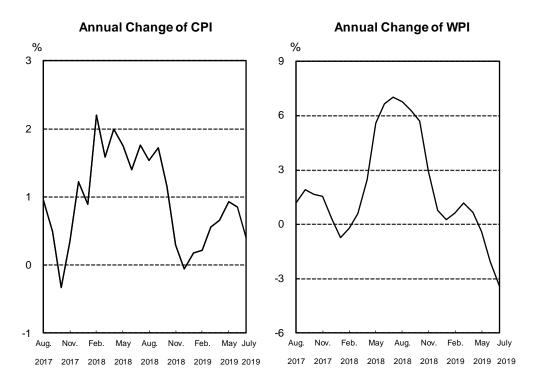
The annual change of CPI in July 2019, compared with the same month of 2018, increased 0.40%. Prices of vegetables and fruits rose 6.83% and 5.61%, respectively. Moreover, prices of medical care services rose 1.85% owing to the increase of registration fee at hospitals and clinics. Nonetheless, prices of eggs, as well as fuels and lubricants declined 12.02% and 4.21%, respectively, both of which offset the increase. The core CPI increased 0.34%.

For the first seven months of 2019, the CPI increased 0.54% over the same period of the previous year. Prices of commodity and services moved up 0.35% and 0.73%. The core CPI increased 0.47%.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in July 2019 decreased 0.55% from the preceding month. Prices of fishery products and electronic parts and components fell 17.79% and 0.87%, respectively. However, prices of petroleum and coal products, as well as crude petroleum and natural gas rose 1.42% and 1.26%, respectively. The annual change of WPI in July 2019, compared with the same month of 2018, decreased 3.42%. Prices of chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals, as well as petroleum and coal products fell 11.74% and 10.32%, respectively. However, prices of quarrying products and other mining products rose 9.30%. The WPI for products domestically produced for domestic purchase decreased 3.54%, import price index and export price index also fell 2.60% and 4.05%, respectively.

For the first seven months of 2019, the WPI decreased 0.47% over the same period of the previous year.



Statistical Tables

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